

# **Asa E. Sample diary S1136**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Creator</b>	Sample, Asa E., 1840-1910
<b>Title</b>	Asa E. Sample diary
<b>Date</b>	1862-1863
<b>Extent</b>	0.03 Cubic feet 3 folders
<b>Language</b>	English
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### Preferred Citation

Asa E. Sample diary, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

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Asa E. Sample was born on April 20, 1840 in Knightstown, Indiana. On October 30, 1862 Sample was mustered into the Union Army where he was ranked corporal in Company E of the 54th Infantry Regiment, Indiana. The 54th Infantry Regiment was organized in October, mustered into service for one year in November, and left Indianapolis, Indiana, for Memphis, Tennessee, in December. The regiment served under Colonel John DeCoursey's Brigade of General George W. Morgan's Division of the 13th Army Corps. The 54th Infantry Regiment participated in the campaign on Vicksburg and the capture of Jackson, Mississippi. While serving in the Union Army, Sample was promoted in rank to sergeant. Sample was mustered out along with the rest of the 54th Infantry Regiment in New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 8, 1863.

After returning to Knightstown, Sample married Sarah Anne Kitley on October 19, 1865. Sample in later years became an active member of the Jerry B. Mason Post No. 168, G.A.R., Knightsown, where he served in a number of official posts sometime between 1883 and 1905. Also, Sample is listed as one of the original stockholders in the Citizens' State Bank of Knightstown. Asa Sample died in Knightstown, Indiana, on September 5, 1910.

### Sources:

Hazzard, George, Hazzard's History of Henry County, Indiana, 1822-1906, G. Hazzard, New Castle, Indiana, 1906, pp. 317-322, 648-653, 824, and 1082-1083.

Terrell, W.H.H., Report of the Adjutant General of the State of Indiana, Volume V, 1861-1865, Samuel M. Douglass, State Printer, Indianapolis, Indiana, 1866, pp. 610-611.

Genealogical information compiled by William S. Zoller. Indiana Historical Society, <http://www.indianahistory.org/our-collections>

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes 3 folders containing a photocopy of a 117-page diary from Asa E. Sample of Knightstown, Indiana, ranging from December 9, 1862 to December 21, 1863 regarding his experiences during the Civil War as an enlisted soldier with the 54th Infantry Regiment, Company E.

## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged by subject.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

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### Accruals

No further additions are expected.

### Processing Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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**Corporate Name(s)**

- United States. Army. Indiana Infantry Regiment, 54th (1862-1863).

**Genre(s)**

- Diaries

**Geographic Name(s)**

- United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives
- Vicksburg (Miss.)--History--Siege, 1863
- Young's Point (Louis.)

**Subject(s)**

- Milliken's Bend, Battle of, 1863
- Plantation life--Mississippi--History--19th century